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CEMENT PRICE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of successive increase in the prices of cement since January, 2004 to till date ;

(b) the details of the cement price index issued by the Ministry of Industry from January, 2004 to January 31, 2007 ;

(c) the details of regular bulletins issued by the Cement Corporation of India during the period from January, 2004 to January 31, 2007 ;

(d) the estimated hike expected due to recent announced dual excise duty regime on cement; and

(e) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to curb the prices of cement ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) : A statement indicating month wise cement prices from January 2004 to January 2007 is at Annexure I.

(b) : The statement indicating wholesale price index for cement is at Annexure II.

(c) : Cement Corporation of India has informed that it has not issued any bulletin during January 2004 to January 31, 2007.

(d) : The retail prices of cement have risen by Rs.10/ to 12/- per bag in the last one week in some centres.

(e) : Pursuant to the efforts of the Government to contain cement prices, the major cement manufacturers have agreed to hold the price line and not increase the cement prices any further in the next one year and to absorb all the additional costs themselves. They have also agreed to pass on the entire benefit of concessions in duties/ levies, if given, to consumers.